

REMARKS

Consistent with the Notification, Applicants have submitted "...only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document...," *i.e.*, the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicants' Response filed on February 2, 2004. The remaining portions of Applicants' Response are incorporated herein by reference.

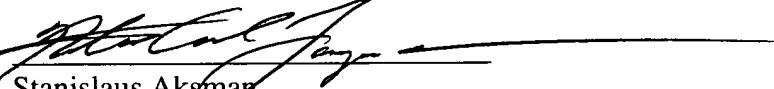
Applicants respectfully submit that the deficiencies noted with respect to the text of all withdrawn claims have been addressed and cured, and submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that all claims under consideration are in condition for allowance for all the reasons discussed in Applicants' response to non-final office action, submitted February 02, 2004. Early notification of a favorable consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. In the event any issues are outstanding, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner and place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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